

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**APRIL 2, 2001**

**IN RE:**

**APPROVAL OF THE INTERCONNECTION )  
AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED BY )  
BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, )  
INC. AND MCIMETRO ACCESS )  
TRANSMISSION SERVICES, L.L.C. )  
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF )  
THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF )  
1996 )**

**DOCKET NO. 01-00087**

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**ORDER APPROVING INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

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This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") upon the Petition for approval of the Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") negotiated by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and MCI Metro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("WorldCom"). The Petition for approval of the Agreement came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252.

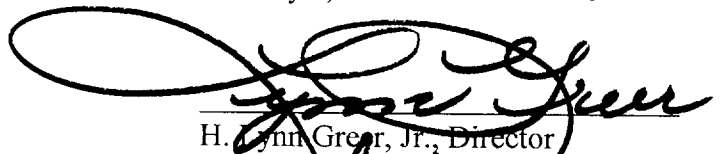
The Agreement was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 20, 2001, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Melvin J. Malone. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.* Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

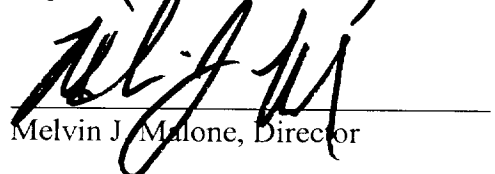
- 1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. service area;
- 2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;
- 3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;
- 4) Approval of the Agreement is consistent with previous Authority decisions and orders; and
- 5) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.*

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The Interconnection Agreement negotiated by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C. is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director

  
Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:

  
K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary